Proposal for Connaught Place-Dwarka Metro Project

†*571. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received any proposal from Delhi Government for Metro-Rail's ambitious Connaught Place-Dwarka Project for approval;

(b) if so, by when Government would sanction for proposal and sent it back to Delhi Government;

(c) the total length of the project together with details of stations in Dwarka; and;

(d) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Connaught Place-Dwarka corridor has been got prepared by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and this is presently being examined by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD). The matter can be considered by Government of India only after this proposal is formally approved and forwarded to Government of India by the Government of NCT of Delhi.

(c) The total length of this corridor is expected to be 23.16 km. The details of the stations will be known only when this corridor is appraised.

(d) The likely date of completion will be known only after this corridor is approved.

Inclusion of Thachar Community in SC list

*572. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 120 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th November, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government have received any comments from the State Government of Kerala regarding the inclusion of 'Thachar' community in the Scheduled Caste list; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.